

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 816 - SB 776

March 30, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a nine-member Memphis Sands Aquifer Regional Management Board (MSAB) for the purpose of managing, conserving, preserving, and protecting the Memphis sands aquifer, and increasing the recharge of such aquifer while preventing waste or pollution in the aquifer. Prohibits MSAB members from receiving compensation and reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred while attending any meeting and in performing any duties. Prohibits any person from drilling wells designed to pump more than 10,000 gallons of water from the Memphis Sands Aquifer per day without the MSAB's approval, and requires MSAB to utilize a cost-benefit analysis in its approval process. Requires all records of MSAB meetings to be open for public inspection.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The MSAB will be terminated on June 30, 2019.
- Currently, wells pumping more than 10,000 gallons of water a day are required to register with the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).
- TDEC indicates that there is no registration fee for the registration requirement.
- The proposed legislation prohibits nine members of MSAB from receiving compensation or reimbursement for travel expenses; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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